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Butler Says Removal Of Dam Now Approved

Removal of the Balcony Falls dam in Glasgow is one step closer this week.

Glasgow mayor J. D. Parnell told The News-Gazette Friday that he had received a letter from 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announcing the approval of the U. S. Forest Service and the Army Corps of Engineers for removal of the dam.

The dam, located below the confluence of the James and Maury rivers, is owned by Virginia Electric and Power Co. The company was awaiting approval of the corps of engineers and the forest service before beginning plans for removal

of the dam. The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors voted on March 12, 1973 to request the Federal Power Commission to order removal of the dam by Vepco.

A Vepco spokesman said Monday that the company plans to open the power house and dam gates later this spring, allowing the water to recede.

The company will then treat the banks of the river near the dam to prevent erosion by planting grass and greenery.

"Within six months to a year after that, when the grass has grown and stabilized and the possibility of erosion has diminished, the

dam will be removed," the spokesman said.

The spokesman added that, although Butler's letter mentioned that Vepco was studying bids for removal, the company has only been in touch with one contractor about the removal operation. "We plan to talk to other contractors also," the spokesman added. "It will probably be a good little while before the dam is actually removed."

Butler's letter follows:

Dear Mayor Parnell:

I have been advised by the Virginia Electric and Power Company that the Forest Service and The Corps of
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Engineers have given the necessary approval for removal of the dam at Balcony Falls.

The company is now studying bids for the actual removal. Removal could take several months since the water level must be drawn slowly and the exposed sections reseeded.

Final detailed plans for removal will depend on the situation encountered when work is begun.

I am requesting Vepco to keep you advised of their activities.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter.

With kindest regards, I am
Very truly yours, M.
Caldwell Butler.

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Butler Named For Bicentennial Board

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Bedford's man in Washington, has been named to the board of directors of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

In a brief speech to the House last week Speaker Carl Albert appointed Mr. Butler, a Republican, and Rep. Lindy Boggs of Louisiana, Democrat, to the board. Earlier Vice-President Gerald Ford appointed the Senate's two board members, Senator Edward Brooke, Republican, of Massachusetts, and Senator Joseph Montoya, Democrat, of New Mexico.

They will join Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton, Bicentennial Administrator John Warner, who is now completing a stint as secretary of the Navy, and five others to be chosen later.

The function of the board will be to advise the administration

and approve or disapprove expenditures for projects to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday in 1976.

Running Against Nixon

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Every year is election year in Virginia. Certain wise men decades ago arranged matters so Virginians do not choose their state and local officials in presidential years, and their decisions need not be influenced by national political trends. This year, however, there is an election coming up which can not be divorced from the national turmoil. In Bedford we shall help select the man who will speak for us in Washington the next two years, the congressman from our Sixth Virginia District.

There are indications the Democrats are stirring into activity, cherishing hopes of ending a 22-year famine. The chairman of the state Democratic committee and leaders of the party on the district level have had something to say on the subject within the week. It remains to be seen how much can be done to reunify, reorganize, reinvigorate the party in this district. But names are being mentioned, feelers being extended, resources calculated. Many Democrats are encouraged by the success of the party in last year's General Assembly, although this was less apparent in the Sixth District than elsewhere.

Two years ago the district elected M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, a Republican, to the seat held for two decades by Richard H. Poff. Men close to the heart of the political situation in the state and district say unseating Mr. Butler will be a difficult job—assuming of course he seeks reelection. They regard him as an effective legislator, working hard to advance the interests of his constituency. Moreover the Sixth

District has been Republican territory ever since Dick Poff rode into office on the strong Eisenhower coattails in 1952. Time and again since then the Democrats have put forth able and attractive candidates but each time Congressman Poff turned back the attack with ease.

Whether Mr. Butler can do as well remains to be tested. Mr. Poff, now Justice Poff, had to run in some years when the national trend was strong against Virginia Republicans, after the Supreme Court decision of 1954, after Little Rock, the year of the Goldwater debacle. But in none of those years was the adverse tide so strong as now. Every Democratic candidate for the House will be running against Richard M. Nixon in November—whether Mr. Nixon is still in the White House or not—and special elections have shown that to be very effective tactics. Mr. Butler is more exposed in his situation than most of his fellow Republicans, for he is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, where every man's vote on the question of Mr. Nixon's impeachment will be noted all across the nation and especially in his home district. For a freshman Congressman this is a formidable prospect. Thusfar Mr. Butler has handled the question adroitly, taking pains to find out how the people back home feel about the President and Watergate. But the fact remains that if the Democrats can find an attractive candidate and unify and organize the district behind him, the party's chances will be better than at any time since 1952.

ment" or otherwise grossly abuse official power or violate the public trust. In their opinion, the President could be impeached for acts of his aides. They also maintain that impeachable offenses can't be explicitly defined prior to an investigation.

This represents, at best, a guide to go by. Just what constitutes subversion of government? — Or grossly abuses official power? Or violates public trust? We must define such offenses concretely so that specific charges can be leveled. We can not permit the transitory membership of the House to arrive at definitions which suits its partisan political objectives at the time. This would give the House blackmail power over the Presidency and hence represents a violation of the Constitutional concept of separate but equal branches of government. Any President would serve at the pleasure of the House which could threaten to interpret any Presidential action it disapproves of as an impeachable offense.

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The House — as the President, the Senate and the Supreme Court — is answerable to the Constitution. If the House definition of an impeachable offense is too broad it is conceivable the Supreme Court could find it unconstitutional as an intrusion on Executive powers and privileges. The House undoubtedly will define impeachable offenses with an eye to possible Supreme Court review on appeal.

The importance of defining impeachable offenses cannot be overemphasized because that definition will then apply to future Presidents and the conduct of the Presidency. If drawn too fine, the definition could interfere with the carrying out of Presidential responsibility under the Constitution.

Even if the House should indict the President on charges considered Constitutional, he will have to be tried on those charges by the Senate with the Chief Justice sitting as the presiding judge. Conviction requires two-thirds of the Senate — an almost impossible task if the voting follows party lines, and with relatively rare exceptions it will.

There is a great deal at stake here for the United States of America — much more at stake for the Republic than for Richard Nixon, President and citizen. For this is more than a test of strength between Mr. Nixon and a Democratic Congress, or between a President and the Congress, per se. What we have here is a test of strength between the Constitution itself and the three branches of government it created and circumscribes.

Since we have no clear definition of what constitutes impeachable offenses, perhaps the Congress should direct itself to drawing up such definitions in a Constitutional Amendment. It would not apply to the present situation but it would prevent future confusion — if the states should approve it. This is a clear responsibility of the Congress. If drawn correctly, such an Amendment could limit Presidential powers without damaging the Constitutional concept of separate but equal branches of government.

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**County Day's Tangible
Results To Remain**

Second of two articles on
50 years of Amherst County
Day at Sweet Briar College,
which will conclude on Satur-
day, April 20.

By Meg Hibbert

Although Amherst County Day at Sweet Briar College will be only a memory after Saturday, when the last event will be sponsored by the college, tangible results of that day remain throughout the county.

In addition to the original goal of creating goodwill between the college and the county's citizens, many of the county's services provided to day took root and grew from the college's festival.

The fact that Amherst County was one of the first in the state to have its own health department may be largely attributed to the emphasis on health education, particularly concerning young children, at early Amherst County Days.

When the Better Baby Contest was at its peak in the 1920's and 30's, any mother in the county could take her baby to be weighed, examined and evaluated by doctors, free of charge. Today those functions are provided by the health department in Amherst and clinic in Madison Heights.

The library bookmobile and library exhibits which Amherst County Day sponsored in 1948 illustrated the need for county library services, now fulfilled in the main library, the branch in Madison Heights, and bookmobile which makes rounds throughout areas that are not close to either library.

Athletic events the college sponsored for children, as well as the occasional events for adults, are continued in school physical education and sports programs of today, along with the county's newly added Recreation Department.

Flower shows that were held at one time on Amherst County Day are now sponsored regularly by the many garden clubs and federations in the county and area.

When the Home Demonstration Clubs, now known as Extension Homemakers Clubs, began their women's luncheon at the Sweet Briar Boxwood Inn in 1959, they honored one of their members. Now the homemakers have a separate annual luncheon in the fall, at which they honor several outstanding women.

Among other long-gone Amherst County Day events which show up elsewhere in the county today was the cattle judging contest, similar to events now held by 4-H. The winning youngster received a thoroughbred calf from the Sweet Briar herd.

Movies shown on that day were both educational ones and those just for fun, such as Walt Disney specials. Then not every household had television, and there was no theatre in the county.

But not everything has changed. This last Amherst County Day at the college will feature art exhibits by high school students, similar to art shows and an artmobile display held 20 years ago.

Pet shows of that period have evolved into a dog show, which will begin at 9:30 A.M. on the hockey field this Saturday.

The high school band will still play a concert, this one at 1 P.M. in front of Fletcher Hall.

There will be a sack race, as there was in 1928, and other competitions, such as the greased pole event.

And, as in the past, there will be a political speaker. This year it will be Sixth District Congressman Caldwell M. Butler.

Free milk from the college's dairy will be provided across from the gymnasium, and there will be a parade.

Instead of the former "Five Point" health parade, the procession has become a Tournament Parade, a prelude to the event added in the 1960's — jousting.

Leading the parade will be the official knight in shining armor, R. Don Floyd of Madison Heights.

Following him will be the high school band, Amherst Brownies and Girl Scouts, the Modernettes marching group, antique cars, and the Tournament Queen, Miss Yulita Valiente of Madison Heights, who is the current Miss Amherst County. The evening will climax with a square and round dance.

What will come after April 20, no one is certain. The county has a committee, which has already begun discussing future Amherst County Days.

The college's reason for discontinuing the event is that it has accomplished and outgrown its purpose.

John T. Rice, assistant to President Harold Whiteman, stated "Sweet Briar has become such a part of the community that a special day is no longer really needed to promote communication between the college and the county."

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Saturday at Sweet Briar

Amherst County Day scheduled

Amherst County Day 1974 will be held Saturday on the Sweet Briar College campus.

Activities will begin with registration at 9:30 a. m., and will climax with a Jousting Tournament Dance from 8:30 p. m. to midnight in the college gymnasium.

This will be Sweet Briar's last Amherst County Day since the event, which was begun in 1922, will be planned and financed by the county in the future.

A dog show will be held on the hockey field at 9:30 a. m.

Exhibits, which include extension homemaker's exhibits in the small gymnasium and high school art exhibits and hobby and craft exhibits in the gymnasium, will be open from 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m.

A mixed doubles tennis tournament will be held on the gymnasium courts from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. The match, which will be limited to 16 pairs, will be played as a round robin.

Hayrides will be held from 10 a. m. to noon. The rides will be organized in front of the gymnasium.

A midway and various children's games, including ball throwing games, dart games, fish pond, bean bag throw, a greased pole contest, a sack

race and tug of war, will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 a. m. on the chapel drive and library lawn.

Food booths and soft drink booths will open at 11:30 a. m. across from the gymnasium. Milk from the Sweet Briar Dairy will be available free of charge.

An extension homemaker's luncheon will be held at 11:45 a. m. in Wailes Center.

Contest winners will be announced and politicians, including Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, will speak beginning at 1 p. m.

A band concert will be held at 1:45 p. m. in front of the college chapel.

A Tournament Parade will begin jousting activities at 2 p. m. on the south lawn of the college campus. The parade will include the "Knight in Armor," the Amherst County High School Band Amherst County Brownie and Girl Scout troops, the "Modernettes," antique cars, Miss Amherst County, Yulite Valiente, who will be the tournament queen and knights on their mounts.

Mrs. R. Don Floyd will sing the national anthem, and the Rev. Richard Norris, pastor of Bayley's Chapel Memorial Church in Madison Heights, will give the invocation.

The tournament queen will

knight Douglas Eubank, winner of the 1973 Amherst County Day Joust at 2:10 p. m., and at 2:15 p. m. Bailey G. Wilkins, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will present the welcome and charge to the knights.

The knights and their riding order will be announced, and the jousting tournament will begin at 2:20 p. m. All jousting activities will be held on the south lawn.

All exhibits must be removed from the gymnasium and arcades by 5 p. m.

Music for the tournament dance, which will be open to the public, will be provided by Bobby Farish and the Country Gentlemen.

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Spirit Of Liberty Extolled By Butler

By JOE STINNETT
News County Writer

Americans must not regard the forthcoming Bicentennial celebration as a "birthday party," said Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler at Amherst County Day, held Saturday at Sweet Briar College.

Rather, Butler said, citizens should honor the "spirit of liberty."

Butler said lesser known American figures, such as Revolutionary women and local heroes, should be recognized during the five-year celebration.

The role of the Washington administration will be to coordinate state and local events honoring the nation's 200th anniversary, Butler said.

Butler, floor manager of the bill which set up the American Bicentennial Com-

mittee, emphasized the committee's frugality. He said it would "self-destruct" in 1981.

Addressing himself to local issues, Butler told the crowd which gathered in front of the college library that Amherst County has "unlimited potential for economic growth," and a "stable and progressive government."

Butler said he was encouraged by prospects for early congressional approval of the Buffalo River Watershed project, which includes two flood-control dams.

Butler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, did not comment on the Watergate crisis during his speech.

Asked to comment later, he said he feels the committee.
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tee is justified in its requests for information from the White House.

An estimated 5,000 persons attended Amherst County Day, the last such event to be sponsored by Sweet Briar.

Planned and financed by the college since the 1920's, the day will become the county's responsibility in future years.



COUNTY DAY CHUCKLE — Sweet Briar professor Milan Hapala, left, and Congressman M. Caldwell Butler exchange pleasantries as Butler prepares to speak at county day celebration.

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Butler asks more Gathright funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Appropriations subcommittee was urged by Representative M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., Wednesday to appropriate \$6 million for continued work on the Gathright Dam during the next fiscal year.

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All the projects lie in Butler's 6th District.

The congressman noted, in testimony before the public works subcommittee, that the \$6 million for the Gathright Dam, located on the Jackson River, is included in President Nixon's budget.

The dam, he said, is now 40 per cent complete and the new funds are needed to continue construction.

Butler said the flood control project at Buena Vista includes a combination earth levee and floodwall, to be built along the left bank of the Maury for the entire length of the city.

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Flood Control Funds

By JACK BETTS
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler Wednesday asked a House subcommittee for nearly \$6.3 million for next year for continued construction of the Gathright Dam and planning and design of two area flood control projects.

Butler, accompanied by Ben Moomaw of Covington, Buena Vista Mayor Shuler A. Kizer and others, told the House appropriations subcommittee all three projects had been authorized in earlier legislation, and that the bulk of the money—\$6 million—would be

spent on the Gathright Dam, located on the Jackson River in Alleghany and Bath counties.

That project is 40 per cent complete, Butler said, and the \$6 million has been recommended by President Nixon in his 1975 proposed budget.

The Roanoke Republican also urged the committee to appropriate \$250,000 for design of the Buena Vista flood control project along the Maury River. Authorized by legislation recently signed into law, the project ultimately will cost about \$665,000, Butler said, and the Corps of Engineers will need the

\$250,000 to begin design work.

The Buena Vista project will include earth levees and a flood wall on the left bank of the Maury running the length of the city.

Butler testified that Buena Vista was the industrial center of Rockbridge County, with six major manufacturing firms employing between 100 and 500 workers each.

The river, Butler said, has been "a blessing in terms of hydroelectric power and ease of transportation but also proved to be a curse when the river rises and flooding occurs."

In 1969 when Hurricane

Camille hit the area, two persons died and flood losses totaled \$13 million.

"The citizens of Buena Vista need help in protecting their homes and their jobs," Butler said. "If the project is not begun soon, I feel that many industries will move their plants elsewhere unless they can be given some assurance steps are being taken to alleviate serious flooding problems."

Butler also asked the committee to appropriate \$30,000 for initial planning of a flood control project on the Roanoke River in Roanoke County and City. That figure is

\$20,000 more than the President had asked for in his proposed budget, Butler added, but advised the committee that the Corps of Engineers anticipates planning costs at the higher figure in fiscal year 1975.

"Flooding is a serious and constant threat to residents of the upper Roanoke River basin," Butler said, explaining that 1972's tropical storm Agnes caused \$11.4 million in damages in the city of Roanoke, \$2.5 million in Roanoke County and \$6.5 million in losses in the City of Salem.

He said the study funds would help the corps make recommendations on zoning changes, channelization of the river, construction of embankments, and detailed economic and hydraulic studies.

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Butler OKs Move

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Butler Tells GOP He'll

Seek New Term

THE ROANOKE TIMES

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler advised key Republican leaders Monday he wanted another term in Washington, while another Democrat showed an interest in opposing him in the 6th District.

While GOP leaders were getting a confidential letter from the congressman, Paul J. Puckett, Roanoke City sheriff, scheduled a press conference for 3 p.m. today at Hotel Roanoke—presumably to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to oppose Butler.

Both party's conventions will be held June 8, the last Saturday before the deadline for nominating candidates for Congress.

Butler scheduled a press conference for 9:30 a.m. Friday in his district office in the Federal Building in Roanoke to "make an appropriate

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announcement," according to his press secretary, Richard Cullen.

Butler's plan to run for re-election after succeeding Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard H. Poff in 1972 has been taken for granted by the GOP leadership in the district.

Butler's letters were mailed over the weekend and party leaders started receiving them Monday.

Puckett emerged as a potential Democratic candidate last week. His announcement

of a press conference appeared to verify the speculation since potential candidates seldom schedule a meeting with reporters to announce they are not going to run.

Puckett, a former member of city council, has stuck with the Democratic party 25 years.

His bid assures a contest in the Democratic convention which will be held at Hotel Roanoke the same Saturday the Republicans will be holding their convention at Natural Bridge to nominate Butler for a second term.

Thomas J. Nolan, a 29-year-old Catholic social worker, caught the Democratic leadership by surprise two weeks ago by announcing his candidacy.

But Nolan has not been able to solidify his support within the ranks of Democrats who supported former Lt. Gov. Henry H. Howell in his campaign for governor last year.

James Hooen, a member of the faculty at Virginia Western Community College who was Howell's campaign coordinator in the 6th District, has been sounding out Democrats and, one informed source said, has been promised considerable support if he decides to seek the nomination.

Hovering over it all is the uncertainty over whether Willis M. Anderson, general counsel for the Shenandoah Life Insurance Co. who lost to Butler in '72 will try again.

He said Monday he will have a final decision soon after May 1. Informed sources said Anderson, who apparently can get the nomination for the asking, has not assured any of the candidates that he is not going to be a candidate for the nomination himself. But the flurry of activity, particularly Puckett's announcement, was seen by some party leaders as evidence of a growing feeling Anderson is out.

Butler, in his letter to party leaders, called his job in Washington "very exciting" and said "I'd like to keep it for a while longer."

The recipients were advised they were getting the letter because he wanted them to know of his plans in advance of the formal announcement of his candidacy for the GOP nomination for a second term, adding:

"Although there have been rumors to the contrary I do plan to seek re-election."

Butler said it is now "difficult to predict" how much of the summer and fall he will have to stay in Washington with Congress in session, adding that he will have to rely on the party for its support during this time. He said he appreciates what the recipient of the letter has done for him in the past.

NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Friday, April 26, 1974

Area Eligible For Loans

By N-V Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler announced this morning the Small Business Administration has declared the Staunton area eligible for small business disaster loans as a result of high winds on April 4.

Applications will be made available in Rep. Butler's district office in the Waynesboro Post Office and should be returned to the SBA by June 24.

Staunton, Va., Leader, Friday, April 26

SBA assistance will be available

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In addition to the Staunton area, other areas of Virginia hard hit by recent tornado-like winds which will be eligible include Roanoke, Roanoke County and Bath County and adjacent areas.

A spokesman for Mr. Butler's office said application forms will be available next week at the district office in Waynesboro. Applications must be returned to the SBA by June 24.

Federal Official To Consider Loan Requests

A representative of the Small Business Administration will be in Roanoke April 30 and May 1 to take loan applications from small businessmen and homeowners who sustained damage in the April 4 storm, a spokesman in the Office of Emergency Preparedness said.

Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Staunton, Bath County and Smyth County and areas adjacent have been declared eligible for the low interest (5 per cent), long-term disaster assistance loans. The areas were hit by high winds and tornados.

The SBA representative will be in Room 159 in the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The applications also will be available in Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's district offices in the post office buildings in Roanoke, Lynchburg and Waynesboro as well as in the SBA regional office, Richmond.

Applications will be accepted by the SBA's Richmond office through June 24.

Butler Votes To Put Nixon on Notice

By JACK BETTS

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., Thursday joined a 28-10 Judiciary Committee majority in advising the President his failure to surrender subpoenaed material may in itself constitute an impeachable offense.

And, in an open session marked by numerous roll call votes, the Roanoke Republican voted for the third time in recent weeks to subpoena more White House conversations.

The committee approved the latest subpoena, for 46 White House recordings between Nov. 15, 1972 and June 4, 1973, on a 37-1 vote. That was identical to another vote two weeks ago when Butler joined most of his colleagues in a subpoena for 11 conversations.

Last month, Butler voted for the

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first of the subpoenas for 42 White House recordings, which resulted in the President's publication of some 1,300 pages of presidential transcripts. Since then, he has refused to turn over more material to the committee.

That refusal led to committee approval Wednesday of a letter informing the chief executive that he was risking the committee's wrath in refusing to surrender materials.

The letter, drafted by Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., informs the President, "under the Constitution, it is not within the power of the President to conduct an inquiry into his own impeachment, to determine which evidence, and what version or portion of that evidence, is relevant and necessary to such an inquiry. These are matters which, under

the Constitution, the House has the sole power to determine.

"In meeting their constitutional responsibility, committee members will be free to consider whether your refusals warrant the drawing of adverse inferences concerning the substance of the

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AMHERST COUNTY DAY FESTIVITIES ALL SET

Amherst County Day festivities will be observed today on campus of Sweet Briar College.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The day's activities will end at midnight in the college gymnasium with a jousting tournament dance which will get underway at 8:30 p.m.

This will be Sweet Briar's last Amherst County Day since the event, which began in 1922, will be planned and financed by the county in the future.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will speak at 1 p.m.

Other activities will include a mixed doubles tennis tournament, exhibits, hayrides, a tournament parade and games.

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Campaign Spending Lid Backed By Respondents in Butler Poll

By JACK BETTS

Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Virginia's Sixth District residents responding to a questionnaire said they strongly support limiting election campaign expenditures but oppose public financing of elections and electoral registration by mail.

Of more than 21,000 citizens who responded to a lengthy questionnaire, 17,906 or 85.6 per cent said they favored placing a limit on the amount of money that could be spent in an election campaign, while 3,578, or 17 per cent, opposed it. About 5 per cent, or 1,070, had no opinion.

Butler sent out the questionnaire in March to 160,000

Sixth congressional district residents. The questionnaire contained seven groups of questions on current issues, but Butler's office has released replies from only one group, election reform.

Richard Cullen, a Butler aide, said the Congressman would produce one or two press releases per week in the next few weeks, each dealing with a different issue.

The three questions in the election reform group were worded as follows in the original questionnaire:

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—"I favor if things can be checked all right (signature, occupation, etc.)." — Staunton.

—"Appears too easy to trick in big cities."

—"You might consider placing Deputy Registrars at public places like shopping centers where more people would be likely to pass by. It is neither convenient nor conducive to prospective voters to go to the local courthouse or city hall." — Roanoke.

—Public financing, "I very strongly disagree with the use of my tax money to support a candidate with whom I don't agree." — Lynchburg.

—"Too many taxes now; donation disclosures will solve most problems."

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Thomas Haymaker, chairman, Clifton Forge Republican Party, was one of the state Republican leaders receiving the letter. Meanwhile, a Roanoke man, Paul J. Puckett, scheduled a press conference this afternoon in Roanoke — presumably to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to oppose Butler.

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Plan

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Puckett emerged as a potential Democratic candidate last week. His announcement of a press conference appeared to verify the speculation since potential candidates seldom schedule a meeting with reporters to announce they are not going to run.

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Bid

His bid assures a contest in the Democratic convention which will be held at Hotel Roanoke the same Saturday the Republicans will be holding their convention at Natural Bridge to nominate Butler for a second term.

Thomas J. Nolan, a 29-year-old Catholic social worker, caught the Democratic leadership by surprise two weeks ago by announcing his candidacy.

But Nolan has not been able to solidify his support within the ranks of Democrats who supported former Lt. Gov. Henry H. Howell in his campaign for governor last year.

James Hooven, a member of the faculty at Virginia Western Community College who was Howell's campaign coordinator in the Sixth District, has been sounding out Democrats and, one informed source said, has been promised considerable support if he decides to seek the nomination.

Hovering over it all is the uncertainty over whether Willis M. Anderson, general counsel for the Shenandoah Life Insurance Co. who lost to Butler in '72 will try again.

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Poll Supports Limit On Campaign Spending

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., says those responding to a poll of his constituents support proposals to limit campaign spending and are strongly opposed to postcard registration and public financing of elections.

More than 21,000 residents of the 6th District responded to the poll, the congressman said.

Some 85.6 per cent, or 17,906 people, said they favored putting limits on campaign spending, 3.26 per cent or 1,937 said they opposed such limits and

5.12 per cent, 1,070 people, had no opinion.

The survey indicated that 15,265 people or 72.9 per cent of those responding were opposed to allowing people to register to vote by mailing postcards to registrars, 17.1 per cent favored it and 9.9 per cent had no opinion.

The poll also showed that 12,029 people, or 57.5 per cent of those responding, were against public financing of campaigns, while 6,380 favored it and 2,507 had no opinion.

Butler Campaign Move Beaten

4-11-74
By JACK BETTS

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House Administration Committee Wednesday narrowly turned back an amendment to a campaign reform bill that would have seriously weakened the clout of labor, business and medical political action fund raising committees.

Offered by Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., it would have required donors to specify to which candidates contributions were to be sent, a de-

vice that would make each donation public rather than obscured behind the name of such committees. But the measure failed on a 14-12 vote after committee Chairman Wayne Hays, D-Ohio, told Democratic members the amendment was designed to kill labor union voluntary fund-raising units.

The Administration Committee, an assignment Butler picked up only a few weeks ago, has begun considering amendments to proposed campaign finance reform af-

ter delaying action for several months. Butler has offered several amendments and plans to introduce more as debate continues after the Easter recess.

Last week, the committee approved a Butler amendment that would limit to \$1,000 the amount individuals could contribute to each candidate in congressional, presidential and senatorial elections.

Wednesday, the House also accepted an amendment lowering from \$6,000 to \$5,000 the

amount political action committees can give to a candidate.

The committee then rejected, 15-7, an amendment that sought to prevent political action committees from giving directly to candidates by requiring that contributions be made only by individuals or political party committees. Offered by Rep. Harold Froelich, R-Wis., the measure failed after Hays said, "I think everyone knows what this is designed to do—put the labor committees out of business."

Transcripts Delivered To House Unit

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George Hart of Colonial Beach said, "Why should he be able to give what he wants when I would have to give them everything if I were picked up on some charge?"

Butler Indicates He Will Run For House Again

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler has informed key Republican leaders he wants another term in Washington and another Democrat has indicated an interest in opposing him.

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Butler could not be reached for comment this morning but a spokesman in his Washington office confirmed that he will make a formal announcement concerning his plans for re-election at the Friday press conference.

Butler makes it official

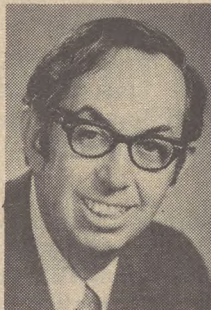
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Earlier this year Sixth District Party Chairman William Poff of Roanoke had told a meeting of the Lynchburg City Republican Committee that Butler would run for a second term.

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Butler, Puckett are nominated

By Robert Damron

Sixth District Republicans and Democrats nominated their candidates for the congressional seat in conventions held Saturday.

As expected, incumbent M. Caldwell Butler, Roanoke, was nominated at the GOP convention



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held at Natural Bridge. Butler was nominated by acclamation to seek a second term.

About 250 persons attended the convention in which Butler was unopposed for the nomination.

Democrats

The Democrats also nominated a Roanoker at their convention in Hotel Roanoke.

He was the city's sheriff, Paul J. Puckett, and he was nominated on the third ballot. Puckett garnered 176 votes, 13 more than necessary to win the majority of the convention's 325 delegates.

Running a close race all the way was Tom Nolan, Roanoke, a social worker for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. He finished with 141 convention votes, but Puckett's nomination was made unanimous after he had gone over the top.

Third ballot

The third ballot was a head-on collision between Puckett and Nolan.

The other candidate in the contest was James Hooven, a professor at Virginia Western Community College.

Hooven, who was Henry Howell's campaign coordinator in the 6th

District last year, dropped out after the second ballot.

Two favorite son nominations were made on the first roll call. They were Frank W. Nolen, 34-year-old chairman of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, who got 49 votes from his area and dropped out after the first roll call.

Erwin Solomon

Erwin Solomon, Bath County Commonwealth's attorney, picked up 11 votes on the first ballot, 18 on the second, and was automatically dropped under convention rules.

In accepting the nomination, Puckett said, "It shows an American dream can become a reality" in promising the Democrats he will do everything in the campaign to beat Butler.

Butler, Virginia's only member of the House Judiciary Committee, said, "I cannot hide my disappointment at the failure of the

President to accept the challenges of the Watergate disclosures by a prompt release of requested information and total cooperation in all prosecution.

"My loyalty to the President does not cause me to condone this course of action, but you may be assured



PAUL PUCKETT

it does not color my judgment of the substantive determination we are to make."

Former Gov. Linwood Holton keynoted the convention.

Clifton Forge Republicans attending the convention were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haymaker and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Heslep. Haymaker served as chairman of the credentials committee.

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1,937 (9.26 per cent) no; 17,906 (85.6 per cent) yes; 1,070 (5.12 per cent) no opinion

Postcard Registration: Under this proposal eligible persons may register to vote by mailing a postcard to the registrar with the required information. Proponents say it will help in the registering of many people who might not otherwise be able to register. Those opposed say the system can easily be converted for fraudulent purposes. Do you favor postcard registration?

3,578 (17.1 per cent) yes; 15,265 (72.9 per cent) no; 2,073 (9.9 per cent) no opinion

Public financing: Under this proposal the federal government would pay all or part of the cost of campaigning. Proponents say it is necessary to prevent corruption. Opponents say that it is a raid of the Treasury and unnecessary. Do you favor public financing of campaigns?

6,380 (30.5 per cent) yes; 12,029 (57.5 per cent) no; 2,507 (11.9 per cent) no opinion

Rep. Butler also released several comments from persons relative to the election reform topic:

Campaign limitation: "I can't help but favor a definite limit to the amount of contributions by any one person or group toward the election of a candidate and also a limitation on the amount a candidate can spend during a campaign." —Monterey;

Postcard registration: "Those who are interested in government will find the time to register." —Roanoke.

Butler Questionnaire

Results Noted

Residents of the Sixth Congressional District who returned U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's questionnaire overwhelmingly support proposals limiting the amount of money spent in election campaigns and are strongly opposed to postcard registration and public financing of elections.

The first results of Rep. Butler's questionnaire were released today indicating that over 21,000 persons had returned their completed questionnaire to Washington, many with comments relative to the several topics.

Rep. Butler, who indicated that regular reports of the other topics will follow today's release of the "election reform" questions, said he was pleased with the significant response to his first questionnaire.

The questions as they appeared on the questionnaire and their totals follow:

SPENDING

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Opponents say it would be unfair and unconstitutional to place such limitations upon those desiring to contribute. Do you favor placing a limit on the amount of money that can be spent in an election?

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--"I favor if things can be checked all right (signature, occupation, etc.)" -Staunton-

--"Appears too easy to trick in big cities."

--"You might consider placing Deputy Registrars at public places like shopping centers where more people would be likely to

pass by. It is neither convenient nor conducive to prospective voters to go to the local courthouse or city hall. -Roanoke-

--Public financing, "I very strongly disagree with the use of my tax money to support a candidate with whom I don't agree." -Lynchburg-

--"Too many taxes now; donation disclosures will solve most problems."

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Poll Results Favor Campaign Restrictions

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Questions dealt with:

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-- **Postcard Registration:** Under this proposal eligible persons may register to vote by mailing a postcard to the registrar with the required information. Proponents say it will help in the registering of many people who might not otherwise be able to register. Those opposed say the system can easily be converted for fraudulent purposes. Seventy-three per cent of those responding voted against postcard registration. Seventeen per cent liked the idea.

-- **Public Financing:** Under this proposal the federal

government would pay all or part of the cost of campaigning. Proponents say it is necessary to prevent corruption. Opponents say that is a raid on the treasury and unnecessary. Fifty-seven (57) per cent turned thumbs down on public financing. Thirty per cent liked the idea.

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-- Public financing, "I very strongly disagree with the use of my tax money to support a candidate with whom I don't agree." - Lynchburg -

-- "Too many taxes now; donation disclosures will solve most problems."

City Asks for Money For Flood Wall Study

Mayor Shuler A. Kizer told Buena Vista City Council last Thursday he was "encouraged" by his appearance before the House Appropriations subcommittee to seek a \$250,000 appropriation for the flood control project.

Kizer, along with City Manager Harold A. Gesell and Councilman Wilford Ramsey, chairman of the local flood control committee, went to Washington April 24 to ask that the money be included in the 1974-75 federal budget.

Sixth district Congressman M. Caldwell Butler also spoke on behalf of the project. The \$250,000 is the stated capability of the Corps of Engineers, Butler

said, and will be for design, not for actual construction.

The flood control project includes a combination earth levee and floodwall, along the east bank of the Maury River for the entire length of the city.

Congress has authorized the funds for the design study, but has not appropriated the money.

The money was not included in the budget bill proposed by the Office of Management and Budget because the project was not authorized until after the budget was submitted to Congress.

The subcommittee took no action on adding the appropriation to the budget at

the meeting, but Kizer said that he did not feel it was being overly optimistic to say he was "encouraged" by the subcommittee's reaction to the request.

In his brief speech before the subcommittee, Butler pointed out that Hurricane Camille caused \$13 million in damage and claimed two lives in Buena Vista in 1969.

Rep. Butler's amendment killed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Administration Committee has killed an amendment to the campaign reform bill, offered by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., giving challengers in federal elections a higher spending limit than their incumbent opponents.

Butler's amendment was voted down 12-5 on a party-line vote Tuesday.

Earlier, the committee had accepted another Butler amendment limiting donations by individuals to \$1,000 per candidate in federal elections.

The defeated amendment would have allowed challengers to spend 10 per cent more than incumbents.

Butler said this would help offset "various advantages" held by incumbents in their bids for re-election, among other things permitting challengers to "make their names and positions known to the voters."

The committee for the last month has been drafting campaign reform legislation for submission to Congress.

Butler releases additional survey data

Although a majority does not believe wage and price controls have helped combat inflation and is nearly split on whether Congress should give the President the power to continue the controls, 77 percent of those responding to U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's questionnaire believe that the health industry should be subject to continued price controls.

The responses came to the following set of questions:

Unless extended by Congress, the Economic Stabilization Act which authorizes the President of the U.S. to impose wage and price controls will expire on April 30, 1974. Substantially all wage and price controls which have been in effect will expire at that time.

In your opinion, have wage and price controls been helpful in fighting inflation? 5,920 (28.3 percent) Yes; 13,085 (62.5 percent) No; 1,911 (9.3 percent) No Opinion.

Most controls will have been removed prior to their expiration date on April 30, 1974. Should Congress extend the power of the President to impose wage and price controls beyond that date? 8,409 (40.2 percent) Yes; 10,001 (46.8 percent) No; 2,506 (12.0 percent) No Opinion.

The President has announced that he will not ask that his power to impose wage and price controls be extended except in two cases: Petroleum and Health. Do you believe that price controls on the cost of medical and hospital care should be retained? 15,423 (77.3

percent) Yes; 3,955 (18.9 percent) No; 1,537 (7.3 percent) No Opinion.

Rep. Butler said that the results "indicate that the health care industry should give careful consideration to any thought of price increases at this time. It is apparent that the public feels the cost of health care and related service has reached a limit. Congress would find it difficult to resist a public aroused by substantial health care cost increases, particularly in view of the President's stated proposal to continue controls in this area."

Butler also released citizen comment on the topic: "Since the start of controls in 1971, we have experienced literally nothing but shortages and unhalted inflation. Controls are inconsistent with principles of free society, they reduce productive efficiency of the economy and not only create shortages but are elements of causing inflation." — Staunton.

"Perhaps Congress should work to end federal deficit spending as a long-range method of fighting inflation."

"It may eventually be necessary to apply controls effectively to all phases of the economy to halt the rampant inflation which now rots our national economic structure. When that day comes I pray it can and will be more effective." — Roanoke.

On Wage Controls: "I can't see it. Food, clothing and every living expense is beyond the working man's wages." — Hot Springs.

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Butler Seeking Second Term



M. Caldwell Butler

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said today he will seek the Republican nomination for another term as Virginia's 6th District congressman.

Butler had been scheduled to make the announcement at a Roanoke news conference but could not get away from Washington because of his work on the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering an impeachment bill against President Nixon.

Butler said he was "proud of the opportunity to represent the 6th District and would like to continue in office for a while longer."

He is expected to easily win the GOP nomination.

The first term congressman took over the seat held for two decades by former Rep. Richard Poff.

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Butler puts hat in ring for 2nd term

Republican congressman M. Caldwell Butler today announced he will seek a second term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Butler said from his Washington office he had planned to announce his candidacy at his Sixth District office in Roanoke this morning. But last night he cancelled the news conference in Roanoke, saying he was needed in Washington where the House Judiciary Committee is continuing its probe of Pres. Nixon's role in Watergate and related events.

Butler said in Washington this morning that he is "proud to represent the Sixth District and would like to continue for a while longer."

He added, "I hope my record will indicate I have been true to the commitment I made during my campaign for election in 1972."

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CF Daily News

Butler To Seek GOP Nod Again

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., announced Friday he will seek the Republican nomination for a second term as 6th District congressman.

Butler had been scheduled to make the announcement at a "Roanoke news conference, but his work on the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering an impeachment bill against President Nixon, kept him in Washington.

Butler said he was "proud of the opportunity to represent 6th District and would like to continue in office for a while longer."

He is expected to win the GOP nomination easily.

Butler took over the seat held for two decades by former Rep. Richard Poff, now a justice of the Virginia Supreme Court.

Butler seeking another term

Rep. Caldwell Butler has made it official that he wants to run again.

He made known his intentions in letters to Republican leaders in the 6th District, which he has represented for two years.

Butler is scheduled to be nominated at a convention June 8 at Natural Bridge.

Butler's formal announcement will be made at a press conference in his Roanoke office Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Butler Seeks Re-Election

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LYNCHBURG (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., reportedly has informed campaign workers and officials of his decision to seek re-election to the 6th District seat.

Confirmation of his political plans came in a letter, in which Butler sought to put down rumors that he would not seek a second term, Lynchburg television station WLVA said Monday night.

"I want you to know this before the formal announcement of my candidacy," said the letter, in which Butler underscored the word "do" in announcing he did intend to run.

Butler also said he may have to rely on many of his friends to carry much of the campaign load because "we can reasonably anticipate...that I will have a busy summer and fall in Washington."

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Committee action hasty, Butler says

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON Rep. Caldwell Butler says he agrees that President Nixon isn't complying with the subpoena issued by the House Judiciary Committee calling for Watergate tapes.

But he says he believes the committee's decision to send a letter of "noncompliance" was premature and hasty.

Butler joined with most of the other Republicans on the committee in opposing the sending of the letter.

The committee vote was 20-18 to notify Nixon that his furnishing the committee with

edited transcripts instead of tapes failed to comply with the subpoena.

"It was a close question for me," said Butler. "I was tempted to vote for the motion. I agree that the President isn't in compliance with the subpoena."

"But I don't think we should be writing letters until we have had an opportunity to review the material submitted and have determined that our investigation has been hampered by the withholding of the tapes in the President's possession."

Butler makes it official

Rep. Caldwell Butler will seek the Republican nomination for another term as Virginia's 6th District congressman.

In announcing his intention, Butler said he will probably not have time to do too much campaigning since he is on the House Judiciary Committee, which will be involved

with the impeachment inquiry.

This committee is expected to start hearing evidence against President Nixon Tuesday.

Butler is also on the House Administration Committee, which is considering election law reform.

Butler is expected to be nominated on June 8 at a convention at Natural Bridge.

The Democrats will nominate the same day. Two are in the race for the nomination thus far. They are Tom Nolan and City Sheriff Paul Puckett, both of Roanoke.

Health Industry Controls Favored

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced today that a survey of his constituents shows 77 per cent of those responding are in favor of retaining controls on the health industry.

The survey also shows that the majority does not believe wage and price controls have helped combat inflation and is almost split on whether Congress should give the President the power to continue the controls.

Asked if price controls on the cost of medical and hospital care should be retained, those responding voted 77.3 per cent in favor, 18.9 per cent against and 7.3 per cent had no opinion.

Mr. Butler said that the results

"indicate that the health care industry should give careful consideration to any thought of price increases at this time. It is apparent that the public feels the cost of health care and related service has reached a limit. Congress would find it difficult to resist a public aroused by substantial health care cost increases, particularly in view of the President's stated proposal to continue controls in this area."

When asked if they thought wage and price controls have been helpful in fighting inflation, 62.5 per cent of those answering said "No," 28.3 per cent said "Yes" and 9.3 per cent had no opinion.

Of those responding, 46.8 per cent voted against continuation of controls, 40.2 per cent favored continuation and 12 per cent had no opinion.

Medical Cost Controls Backed in Butler Poll

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler says results of a poll of voters in the district indicate that the health industry should "give careful consideration to any thought of price increases at this time."

The Roanoke Republican said that 77 per cent of more than 20,000 people responding to a question in the poll said they favor keeping price controls on medical and hospital care.

"It is apparent that the public feels the cost of health care and related service has reached a limit," Butler said. "Congress would find it difficult to resist a public aroused by substantial health care

cost increases, particularly in view of the President's stated proposal to continue controls in this area."

Butler's poll also revealed that more than 65 per cent of the respondents felt that the Nixon administration's price control program, which expired April 30, had not helped cut inflation.

But there was a closer vote on the question of whether Congress ought to act to extend the controls.

On this question, 46.8 per cent said they didn't believe the controls should be renewed and 40.2 per cent said the controls should be put back on.

Tape Study Necessary, Says Butler

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Thursday the first responsibility of the House Judiciary Committee was to review President Nixon's Watergate tape transcripts before deciding if any additional information was necessary.

Butler, a member of the committee, said that was the reason he voted against a committee motion charging Nixon with failing to comply with a committee subpoena for the tapes.

The motion was passed by a vote of 20-18, shattering the committee's bipartisan approach to the impeachment inquiry.

"It is our first responsibility...to do the best we can with what we have, to document specifically the reasons why the transcripts submitted by the President are not going

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to be sufficient for our purposes, and then to advise him that his noncompliance is interfering with our pursuit of the truth," Butler said. "Then, and only then, will our judgment as to the sufficiency of his response have any real meaning."

The 6th District congressman said he was "quite sure that we will conclude in time that a proper discharge of our responsibility is going to require the actual verification of the transcripts and review of the tapes by the committee."

Butler said the committee motion on noncompliance "was premature and inappropriate...and it served no useful purpose."

Butler, Puckett Are Nominated

Virginia Republicans in the 2nd, 6th and 10th congressional districts have nominated incumbents for re-election. Democrats in the 6th and 7th districts have nominated newcomers and 5th District Republicans have decided not to nominate anyone at all.

Republican Reps. G. William Whitehurst of the 2nd, M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th and Joel T. Broyhill of the 10th were nominated without opposition Saturday.

Selected by Democrats to do battle with established GOP incumbents were Roanoke Sheriff Paul J. Puckett in the 6th and Charlottesville City Councilman George H. Gilliam in the 7th.

The 5th District GOP convention declined to nominate a candidate to oppose Democratic Rep. W. C. Dan Daniel. His conservative views are akin to most of the voters' own views in the Southside Virginia district that meanders from Danville and the North Carolina border on up into central Virginia, including part of Chesterfield County on the outskirts of Richmond.

The nominations of Whitehurst, Butler and Broyhill came as no surprise to anyone, since they were unopposed.

The selection processes by Democrats in the 6th and 7th were less predictable since both races were contested.

The 7th District Democrats met in Charlottesville and nominated Gilliam, who won a five-way race on the second ballot for the right to oppose Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson of Winchester, who is seeking his third term.

Gilliam, 31, was opposed for the Democratic nomination by Ernest Evans of Page County; Charles C. Mottley of Warrenton, University of Virginia professor Theodore Caplow of Albemarle County, and John Pruitt Jr. of Fredericksburg.

Gilliam got 93 votes on the first roll call, well short of the 119 needed for a majority and the nomination. Evans was next with 73 votes.

Delegates began switching votes on the second ballot and before the roll call was finished Evans gained the floor and moved that Gilliam be nominated by acclamation. The motion carried.

Gilliam pledged an unrelenting, untiring and unfailing fight to unseat Robinson, saying.

County GOP picks WN 4-30-74 chairman, candidate

Roanoke County Republicans have elected Mrs. Charles W. Glover as chairman and nominated Arthur M. Whittaker to be the party's candidate for the board of supervisors from the Cave Spring Magisterial District.

The actions were taken at a mass meeting which also elected a new county committee and named 58 delegates to the Sixth District GOP convention at Natural Bridge June 8.

The Republicans at the meeting also voiced support for Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and urged him to seek re-election.

The new chairman has been active in Republican affairs in the Roanoke Valley since 1952, when she was a campaign worker for Richard H. Poff, then seeking his first term in the House of Representatives.

Poff stayed in the House for 20 years and is now a justice

on the State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Glover succeeds Charles H. Osterhoudt and pledged to strive to continue "the good working organization we now have."

Whittaker, the Cave Spring nominee for the board of supervisors, is station manager for Piedmont Airlines at Woodrum Airport. He won the nomination over James O. Loftin, a sales engineer with a steel products company.

Both men said they were opposed to annexation and felt that no part of the county should go to either Roanoke or Salem.

As the nominee, Whittaker will be seeking a seat on the board of supervisors now held by Thomas H. Beasley, a Democrat, who was appointed after the resignation of the late J. Thomas Engleby III, also a Republican.

Beasley is expected to be the Democratic nominee to run against Whittaker.

Butler Says Staff Check of Tapes Vital

By DON HILL

Landmark News Service

WASHINGTON — Virginia's sole member of the House Judiciary Committee said Monday night he thinks the committee chairman and senior Republican "would be fools" to go to the White House to verify tape transcripts without the back-up of committee counsel, staff, and electronic technicians.

Rep. Caldwell Butler, Republican of Roanoke, said he is reserving judgment on whether a compromise proposed by President Nixon on nationwide television would satisfy requirements set out in a Judiciary Committee subpoena.

"I will wait and see what the staff says, if this answers their questions," Butler said. "We issued the subpoena on

the staff's advice and I want to know whether they feel their questions are answered. That's what we are paying those people for."

Butler said he would be "perfectly content" to have the transcripts "properly verified" by Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., and ranking Republican, Edward Hutchinson, Mich., if they agreed to tackle the job.

But, Butler said he knew that the committee's chief counsel and minority counsel were explicitly uninvited to sit in on reviewing the tapes.

The Virginia congressman said, "If I were Rodino and Hutchinson, I wouldn't go without our people."

Butler with the rest of the Virginia delegation spent the first part of Monday evening at a dinner in Alexandria staged by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Butler left the dinner shortly after President Nixon's speech began and listened to the president on the car radio en route to the Capitol to be interviewed for his reaction by national television and Virginia newspaper correspondents. He had no opportunity to confer with other Virginia legislators or with leaders of his party.

While waiting to be interviewed, however, he heard Robert McClory of Illinois, the senior Republican, say he was "impressed and pleased" with the

President's address. He heard Rep. William Cohen, R-Maine, speak on a need for electronic checking of the White House tapes and for the presence of committee counsel during verification. He heard Robert Drinan, Democratic representative from Massachusetts, denounce the President's offer as a "whole new diversionary tactic."

Butler said he does not feel with Rep. Cohen that it would be necessary for all committee members to listen to parts of the White House tapes to hear how the President spoke as well as what he said. "I don't think I can impeach the President on an inflection in his voice," Butler said.

Transcripts delivered to committee; reaction to speech follows party lines

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By Associated Press

White House aides have delivered 38 manila folders containing transcripts of presidential conversations to the House Judiciary Committee. The transcripts were loaded into the back of a black station wagon this morning, and driven to Capitol Hill.

Officials said the 38 committee members will receive their own copy of the 1,200 page transcripts.

There has been no word from the committee chairman, New Jersey Democrat Peter Rodino, as to whether the edited transcripts will satisfy the committee. Before last night's announcement by Pres. Nixon, Rodino had said that only the tapes themselves would be sufficient.

However, the President said he would allow Rodino and the senior Republican committee member to verify the accuracy of the transcripts by actually listening to the tapes.

Nixon did not mention in his broadcast to the nation last night

his response to other subpoenas and requests for White House tapes. But this morning, White House lawyer Fred Buzhardt said the President would be reluctant to supply further conversations to the judiciary committee.

Outside the House Judiciary Committee, political reaction to Nixon's Watergate speech divides generally along party lines. Vice President Ford says Nixon is giving the committee more than enough information. And National Republican Chairman George Bush called the President's action a major step in laying to rest the charges against him.

But Democratic Congresswoman Bella Abzug, New York, called his speech a "grandstand play complete with props." And vice chairman Joe Rauh of Americans for Democratic Action said no rational committee should accept Nixon's conditions.

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler says he is reserving judgment on Nixon's announcement

of releasing the Watergate tapes until he confers with the Judiciary Committee's legal staff.

Butler, a member of the committee, said he is not inclined to insist that the committee have the recordings demanded in the committee subpoena. He said he would be satisfied with transcripts if they can be "properly verified."

But Butler added if he were chairman Rodino or the senior Republican on the committee, Edward Hutchinson, Michigan, he would not go to the White House "without every legal and technical assistance I might need."

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Butler Indicates He Will Run For House Again

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler has informed key Republican leaders he wants another term in Washington and another Democrat has indicated an interest in opposing him.

GOP leaders were getting a confidential letter from Butler, expressing his willingness.

Paul J. Puckett, Roanoke City sheriff, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to oppose Butler.

Both party's conventions will be held June 8, the last Saturday before the deadline for nominating candidates for Congress.

Butler scheduled a press conference for 9:30 a.m. Friday in his district office in the Federal Building in Roanoke to "make an appropriate announcement," according to his press secretary, Richard Cullen.

Butler's plan to run for re-election after succeeding Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard H. Poff in 1972 has been taken for granted by the GOP leadership in the district.

Butler's letters were mailed over the weekend and party leaders started receiving them Monday.

Puckett, a former member of city council, has stuck with the Democratic party 25 years.

His bid assures a contest in the Democratic convention which will be held at Hotel Roanoke the same Saturday the Republicans will be holding their convention at Natural Bridge to nominate Butler for a second term.

Thomas J. Nolan, a 29-year-old Catholic social worker, caught the Democratic leadership by surprise two weeks ago by announcing his candidacy.

Butler, Hogan Split on Tapes

By Stephen Green

Washington Post Staff Writer

Maryland and Virginia's representatives on the House Judiciary Committee were split Wednesday over whether President Nixon had complied with a subpoena for 42 Watergate-related White House tapes to aid the committee's impeachment investigation.

"Personally, I don't think the President has complied" by sending the committee edited transcripts of the tapes, said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.), who represents the Roanoke area.

However, Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R-Md.), who represents Prince George's County, said the releasing of the edited transcripts had placed Mr. Nixon in "substantial compliance."

Despite their differing opinions, both Hogan and Butler unsuccessfully opposed a committee decision to formally state that Mr. Nixon failed to comply with the subpoena.

Butler explained that he opposed the committee's action because "I think it's premature. It's premature because we ought to examine first what the President has sent. We ought to see what the Committee staff thinks it needs in tapes after examining the transcripts and then ask the President to provide those tapes," Butler said.

"Then, I don't think the President would want to be put in the position of obstructing the committee," Butler added.

He explained that he doesn't think Mr. Nixon complied with the subpoena because "the Committee asked for the tapes and didn't get them."

Hogan said the committee's action "was a way to save face for those persons who wanted to cite him (Mr. Nixon) for contempt."

"The action was a little meaningless gesture. I think the President is in substantial compliance," Hogan stated.

In sending the transcripts to the Committee, Mr. Nixon offered to let Committee Chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) and ranking Republican Edward Hutchinson of Michigan listen to the tapes to verify the accuracy of the transcripts.

Hogan urged the Committee to negotiate with the White House so that the Committee's chief counsel, John M. Doar, and the Committee's GOP counsel, Al-

bert Jenner, could listen to the tapes also.

Hogan said, however, that the White House may refuse to let Jenner listen to the tapes because he "is so obviously biased against the President." Other Republicans also have criticized Jenner, even though he was hired to represent the Committee's GOP members in the impeachment investigation.

Rep. Butler Calls Letter 'Premature'

By WAYNE WOODLIEF
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke said the House Judiciary Committee's decision to send President Nixon a letter of "noncompliance" with the committee's Watergate tapes subpoena was "a premature and hasty action."

Butler joined 15 other Republicans on the Judiciary Committee on the losing side of a 20-18 committee vote Wednesday night to formally notify Nixon that his furnishing the committee with edited transcripts, instead of tapes, "failed to comply" with the subpoena.

After the session ended, near midnight, Butler told a reporter, "it was a close question for me. I was tempted to vote for the motion. I agree that the President isn't in compliance with the subpoena."

"But I don't think we should be writing letters until we have had an opportunity to review the material submitted and have determined that our investigation has been hampered by the withholding of the tapes in the President's possession."

Butler noted that he had received assurances from the committee's chief counsel, John Doar, that the White House refusal to send tapes won't delay the committee staff's scheduled presentation of impeachment evidence to the committee next week.

Butler said he also was concerned that a formal letter could be used as a basis for a congressional contempt citation against Nixon, a step Butler doesn't favor. He voted with the majority in a 32-5 committee decision against recommending a contempt citation now.

The Roanoke Republican does favor legal aides and technical experts joining the ranking committee members in verifying the accuracy of the transcripts by listening to White House tapes. Nixon, in his address on the tapes Monday night, appeared to be excluding staff participation.

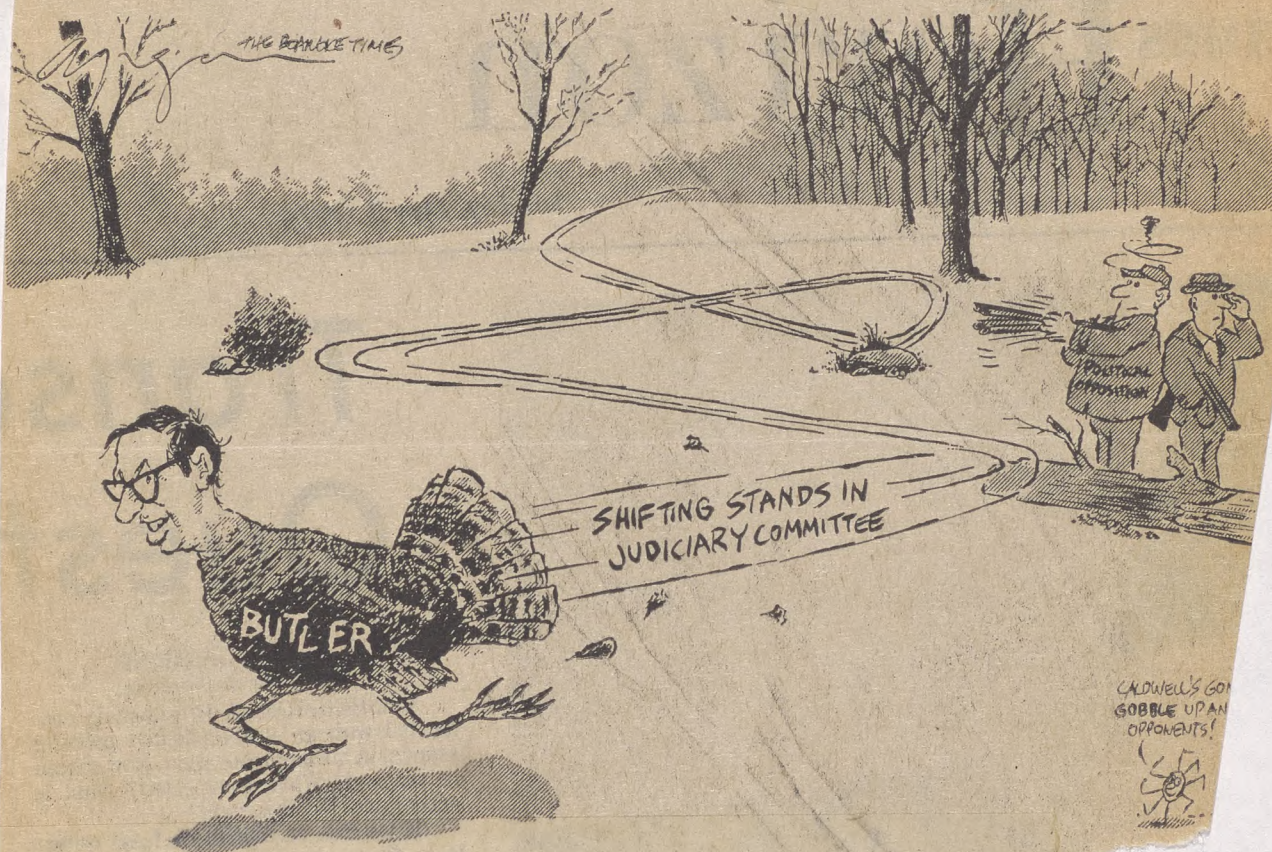
Butler sided with seven Republicans and three Democrats in voting for a "more conciliatory" letter to Nixon, advising that the committee feels the President isn't in compliance, but that he could take steps toward compliance by allowing verification by the staff and electronic experts.

The amendment to send that letter failed, 27-11.

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A Moving Target Is Harder To Hit

THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Tuesday, May 7, 1974

Cassell Pupils Receive Flag On D.C. Visit

Members of the two fifth grade classes at Hugh Cassell Elementary School are the proud possessors of a U.S. Flag which has flown over the Capitol.

Members received the flag from Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler during a recent field trip to Washington, D. C. Mr. Butler presented them the flag on the Capitol steps. It had flown above the building that same day.

Other stops on the tour included the Smithsonian Institution, the zoo and Arlington National Cemetery, where students observed the changing of the guard.

Pupils were accompanied by Principal Paul Davis, fifth grade teachers Mrs. Ruth Coyner and Mrs. Kathryn Miller and 14 parents.

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Students tour Washington

The two grade 5 classes of Hugh Cassell Elementary School recently went on a field trip to Washington.

The trip included a visit to the Capitol, the National Zoo, Arlington National Cemetery, where the students observed the changing of the guard, and Smithsonian Institution. The trip was highlighted by a visit with U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler on the Capitol steps. He presented the students with a United States flag flown over the Capitol on that day.

The students were accompanied by Paul Davis, principal, Mrs. Ruth Coyner and Mrs. Katherine Miller, both grade 5 teachers, and 14 parents.

1 Staunton, Va., Leader, Tuesday, May 7, 1974

Roanoke educator to seek nomination

James A. Hooven, a 33-year-old Roanoke resident who has been active in politics since 1968, has announced his intention to seek the 6th Congressional District seat now held by U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Mr. Hooven joins Thomas J. Nolan and Paul J. Puckett as announced candidates for the Democratic nomination to oppose Rep. Butler in November's election.

In his prepared statement, Mr. Hooven notes the Republican record on economy, taxes, welfare, crime and the energy crisis as important concerns in his campaign. He also called Watergate "one of the most important issues of the campaign", but warned that it is an issue which could easily be abused.

Mr. Hooven, who is employed at Virginia Western Community College and the University of Virginia Extension in Roanoke, is married and has four children.

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White House stance disappoints Butler

By WAYNE WOODLIEF
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke today said he is "disappointed the White House is taking a hard line" against releasing more Watergate tapes to the House Judiciary Committee.

The refusal, Butler said, "is hampering our pursuit of the truth and the facts," and poses the risk for President Nixon of a presumption" by the Congress and the public "that revelation of the tapes would further damage Nixon.

Presidential lawyer James St. Clair told reporters yesterday that Nixon will refuse to yield additional tapes requested both by the Judiciary Committee and the special Watergate prosecutor, even if the committee on which Butler serves, subpoenas them.

Butler, interviewed today, said, "We're going to come soon to where we must have the tapes to do our job."

He said his assessment is based on committee staff reports, the hundreds of so-

called "unintelligible" deletions in already released White House transcripts of earlier tapes and reports of new gaps in the tapes.

He said he doubts a new subpoena would be of "major significance" since the White House, by releasing transcripts instead of tapes themselves, failed to comply with

the first subpoena. Butler noted that committee members have agreed they have no practical means of enforcing the subpoena.

The Roanoke Republican said a "formal declaration" by the committee that it must have the tapes may prove more effective than a new subpoena.

"We have to tell Mr. St. Clair that refusal to supply the tapes is hampering our pursuit of the truth and the facts," Butler said, "and that if the White House fails to respond, it runs the risk of having the Congress and the public presume that whatever the tapes may show is adverse to the President.

Butler and St. Clair will appear on a national Public Broadcasting Service special on the Judiciary Committee's impeachment process tonight.

The program is scheduled on Roanoke's WBRA-TV at 8 p.m. and also will include interviews with Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., and Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., another committee member.

"The strategy of the White House escapes me," Butler said today. "I regret the White House is taking a hard line. I resisted the committee writing a hard-line letter (asserting presidential non-compliance with the earlier subpoena), even though I feel he didn't comply."

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Butler Assails Effort To Remove Counsel

By JACK BETTS

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said Tuesday he had "no part" of an unsuccessful effort by a Republican to oust impeachment inquiry minority counsel Albert Jenner.

In fact, Butler said "I think it would be inappropriate to undertake to remove him at this time, regardless of your viewpoint."

And he declined to comment on the contents of 1,254 pages of transcripts of presidential conversations released a week ago.

Jenner came under the fire of Rep. Lawrence Hogan, R-Md., for being "derelict" in serving the Republican interests during impeachment proceedings and for violating "the rules of the committee as well as (GOP) instructions regarding public statements."

Hogan's demand for Jenner's dismissal fell on deaf ears Monday, however. The committee's ranking Republican, Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, labeled such a move "foolhardy" because the staff is on the verge of

presenting evidence to the full committee.

Several of Hogan's colleagues privately have voiced dissatisfaction with Jenner's performance on the committee, but Butler has avoided public statements criticizing him or any other judiciary member of staffer.

"I think the real substance of the Hogan criticism of Mr. Jenner is not his extracurricular commentary, which was regrettable, but his objective approach as opposed to a partisan approach to the job," Butler said in an interview.

However, Butler said, "In view of the apparently professional and objective approach of John Doar, I'm not sure that Albert Jenner could have performed any differently before the committee."

The Roanoke Republican, who says the committee should move in a bipartisan manner on the inquiry, said he regretted the publicity stemming from the Hogan demand, adding, "it was an internal matter that Republicans ought to have hashed out themselves. It would have been far more appropriate for Mr. Jenner and Mr. Hogan to have thrashed out this particular criticism in a meeting of the Republicans on the committee."

Butler said one reason it would be inappropriate for the committee to dismiss Jenner was that Jenner is "familiar with the evidence

and he's going to help with the presentations of it."

"We've got other members that are familiar with the facts we can go to if we need to. Yes, that includes Garrison (former Roanoke Commonwealth's Atty. Sam Garrison, a deputy counsel to the committee) as well as about 30 other Republicans. I don't think we're in any danger of being misled."

He also said he had read various parts of the presidential conversations, as well as a number of interpretations of the transcripts, but said he believed he should not comment on them.

"I really do think it would be misleading," Butler said. "It's just part of the information I'm going to grind into the Butler computer before making a judgment on the issue."

Asked to elaborate, Butler responded, "Well, I think I'd just better leave it at that."

Meanwhile, Butler was joined by several other Republicans in opposing Jenner's ouster.

Rep. Hamilton Fish, R-N.Y., said the issue is simple. "What are we looking for, a Republican position or a professional position? I say we need a professional position."

And Rep. Robert McClory, R-Ill., said, "I have yet to have anybody prove that he is against Republican interests, administration interests, (or) the President's interests."

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Butler's Representatives To Hold Meetings In Area

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in the Covington City Hall May 15 from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. and at Clifton Forge City Hall May 21 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., to meet citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. These meetings are among the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Covington on the third Wednesday of each month and in Clifton Forge the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a nonscheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have

the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

Butler Aide To Visit Area

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The representative will be in Buena Vista City Hall the same day from 9 until 10:30 a.m.

Butler Seeks Second Term

Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced Friday in Roanoke that he is a candidate for re-election as 6th District congressman.

Butler is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, now studying a bill of impeachment against President Nixon. He said Friday that he doesn't believe the committee will complete its work until July 4.

Butler said his work with this committee as well as his work as a member of the Committee on House Administration now considering election campaign financing and disclosure legislation will limit his appearances in the district during the summer and fall.

Butler's potential opponents include Tom Nolan, a social worker, and Roanoke City Sheriff Paul Puckett, both of whom have announced intentions to seek the Democratic nomination for the 6th District seat.

Butler was elected to his first term in 1972 in a contest with Democrat Willis M. Anderson. Both are from Roanoke.

Republicans call for re-election of Rep. Butler

The Clifton Forge Republican Committee last night held its mass meeting and became the first committee in the Sixth Congressional District to call for the re-election of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler.

Thomas E. Haymaker and Cleo Heslep were elected delegates to the district convention June 8 at Natural Bridge and instructed to support Butler for re-election. Pat Haymaker and Davina Stancil were elected alternates.

Haymaker was re-elected as chairman of the city Committee and Mrs. Stancil was elected vice chairman.

The meeting also approved a resolution favoring Butler's handling of his office during his freshman term.

Butler Questionnaire

Results Tabulated

Residents of the 6th congressional district who returned Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's questionnaire are overwhelmingly in favor of proposals limiting the amount of money spent in election campaigns and are strongly opposed to postcard registration and public financing of elections.

The first results of Butler's questionnaire were released Sunday indicating that over 21,000 persons had returned completed questionnaires to Washington, many with comments relative to the several topics.

Only 9.26 per cent of those responding were opposed to

campaign spending limitations. Limitations were favored by 85.6 per cent, and 5.12 per cent had no opinion.

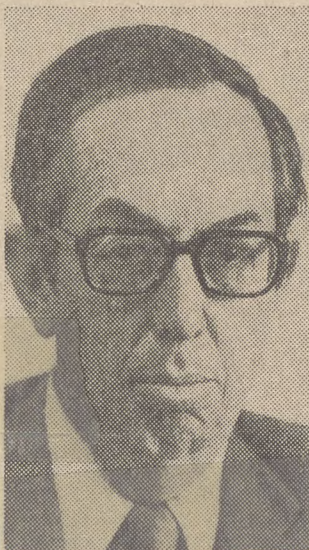
On the subject of post card registration, 17.1 favored the idea, but 72.9 were opposed. No opinion was expressed by 9.9 per cent.

Public financing of political campaigns was favored by 30.5 per cent but was opposed by 57.5 per cent. Nearly 12 per cent had no opinion.

Tonight's television

Impeachment explained

WASHINGTON CONNECTION — 8 p.m. WBRA (15) — "Impeachment." Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, will appear on this program on what impeachment is and how it works. In addition to Rep. Butler, House Judiciary Committee chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., committee-woman Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., and a White House spokesman will appear.



Rep. Caldwell Butler
One of panel

Butler representatives

to visit this area

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in the area to discuss problems with residents.

On May 15, they will be in Bath County Courthouse from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. From 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. they will be at Highland County Courthouse.

Butler's Aide To Visit Here May 23

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in the Botetourt County Courthouse on Thursday, May 23 from 8:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to

discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Botetourt is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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Butler to appear

on television

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, will appear on "Washington Connection" at 8 o'clock tonight on Wvpt.

Rep. Butler will be joined by Peter W. Rodino, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Elizabeth Holtzman, a democrat from New York.

This will be an informational program on "What Impeachment Is and How it Works".

Meeting here set Tuesday, May 21

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in Clifton Forge city hall Tuesday, May 21, 2-4 p.m., to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Clifton Forge on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

Democratic Meeting Set

The Waynesboro Democratic Committee has called a mass meeting of all interested persons eligible to vote in the November election for 7:30 p.m. May 15 in the Civil and Police Court room.

A spokesman said that 13 delegates and four alternates to the June 8 Democratic convention in Roanoke will be elected during the meeting.

He added that during a meeting held Wednesday the Committee expressed a wish for Willis M. Anderson to seek the Democratic nomination for the Sixth District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives now held by Republican M. Caldwell Butler. Mr. Anderson lost the election to Mr. Butler two years ago.

Transcripts Disturb Va. Congressmen

By WAYNE WOODLIFF

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Several Va. congressmen, disturbed by Oval Office talk of blackmail money and the earthy language of the White House Watergate transcripts, say President Nixon damaged himself by making the edited conversations public.

PrivateLy, some of the Virginians say impeachment by the House and a Nixon trial in the Senate now seems inevitable.

None of them are committing themselves on how they would cast an impeachment vote. But since the transcripts were released last Tuesday, little defense of Nixon's Watergate posture is heard among the Virginia delegation, which ranked number one in Congress in supporting Nixon's 1973 legislative program.

Instead, Several Virginia House members emphasized, in interviews this week, that they will rely heavily on the ultimate findings of the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry.

They also said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., of Roanoke, who serves on the Judiciary Committee, would be an influence on the decision of other Virginia congressmen.

The delegation includes seven Republicans and three Democrats, and much of the dismay over the transcripts came from the Republicans.

"I'm disturbed and disappointed," said Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-Va., of Norfolk-Virginia Beach. "The President didn't reject blackmail payments out of hand, for one thing ... and the language! Nobody on my staff uses profanity every other second, and I sure don't."

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, R-Va., of Winchester, said the language and discussions of the hush money and execu-

tive clemency "disturbed and distressed" him. He said the transcripts indicate the White House handled the Watergate affair "haphazardly."

Rep. Robert W. Daniel, R-Va., whose district includes Chesapeake and Portsmouth, said the transcripts contain elements which may be used to support "preconceptions of (presidential) innocence ... as well as preconceptions of guilt."

Daniel said, "from what I've read (transcript excerpts and news analyses), I don't see an unassailably solid case for impeachment."

Butler, the only Virginian of the Judiciary Committee, declined to comment on the transcripts, since the committee would begin receiving impeachment evidence from its staff Thursday. He said, "any discussion by me may get into the realm of what the committee must determine."

Associates of Butler suggest, however, that he, too, is upset by the tone of the White House decision-making on Watergate.

Butler also reportedly feels Nixon's public exposure of the transcripts—it's being dubbed "indecent exposure" here—breaches the principle of White House confidentiality and may be harmful to future administrations.

U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind-Va., said he won't comment on the transcripts because the House could impeach Nixon, which would make Byrd, like other senators, "judge and juror" at the President's trial. (The chief justice would be the presiding judge, but the Senate has the power to overrule him).

But some who know Byrdsay the senator tends to agree with constituent sentiment he detects that the White House Watergate dialogue is seamy in tone, out of place in the Oval Office and un-Virginian.

U.S. Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., said the mail from his constituents shows a diminishment of support for the President. He said he has read out 150 pages of transcript and seen nothing so far to justify impeachment.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing of Newport News, one of Virginia's three Democrats, declined to comment on the transcripts. So did Rep. William C. Wampler, R-Va., of Bristol, who said that because of congressional business, "I haven't had a chance to read them." Wampler said he hopes to examine the transcripts this weekend.

Republicans Whitehurst and Robinson both said they believe the President hurt himself by releasing the transcripts.

"I spoke to 24 or 30 people at home last weekend, and most of them are unhappy about this thing," Whitehurst said. "One man felt that the President, instead of taking the position that this thing was wrong, took the position of 'how do we get out of it.'"

Beyond that, Whitehurst said, "people were upset that the President had posed as a very pious person in public, while in private he was another kind of person—vulgar."

Whitehurst said that apparent hypocrisy bothers him, too. "I've been to prayer breakfasts in the White House, taken my mother with me," he said. "So I share the disappointment in the language."

Rep. Robert Daniel cited some examples of elements in the transcripts which could be used to prove a case either for or against Nixon, and said, "in some cases you can pick the same element and argue both ways."

For instance, Daniel said, presidential passages from a March 21 conversation with John Dean, such as "complete disclosure is the best way, isn't it,"

could be cited in defense of the President.

On the other hand, Daniel said, "the apparent consideration by the President of raising and spending of this money (to pay Watergate defendants) puts him in a bad light."

Whitehurst, Robinson and Rep. Standford Parris, R-Va. of Fairfax County, said they will rely strongly on the Judiciary Committee's investigation and

ultimate report to the House, and that Butler, the Virginian on the committee, will influence their decision.

"Caldwell is bright and articulate and his committee is working on this fulltime," Whitehurst said. Robinson commented, "Butler will be at all the hearings when the evidence is presented. We'll lean on him for facts in the case."

Parris said the President is suffering from the transcript revelations.

"The image of the President," he said, "has been diminished."

Constituent mail on the transcripts has been light, but generally critical of Nixon. Samples include a telegram to Whitehurst which reads: "He has gone too far. Impeach Expletive President Nixon now."

Butler Says Panel Will Get Tapes

By ROBERT B. SEARS
Times Staff Writer

The House Judiciary Committee needs White House tapes and eventually will get those that it needs, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R.-Va., said on a special Public Broadcasting System program seen on WBRA-TV Wednesday night. The program is "Washington Connection."

Butler is one of the 38 members—21 Democrats and 17 Republicans—on the committee chaired by Peter Rodino, D.-N.J., which for five months has been investigating whether to recommend that the House of Representatives impeach President Nixon.

Today the committee's special counsel, John Doar, will start laying out the evidence to the committee in closed sessions.

That evidence includes 19 White House tapes made available to the committee by the special Watergate prosecutor. Transcripts of those tapes prepared by the committee staff will also be part of the evidence presented to them beginning today.

And the committee members will be able to listen to the tapes on individual head sets.

"... I know that we are going to need tapes," Butler said, "but I'm not sure that we need all of the tapes."

"I'm quite confident that ultimately the tapes we need to clear up areas of controversy are going to be forthcoming."

Chairman Rodino explained that listening to the tone and the inflection of the voices on the tapes is necessary to get the meaning.

Rodino said the 19 tapes the committee now has and the transcripts the committee staff made from them show discrepancies from the transcripts issued by the White House.

The committee, Rodino said, has been able to transcribe some portions of the tapes that the White House designated as unintelligible.

The committee has decided that James St. Clair, the President's counsel, will be

permitted to question witnesses who appear before the committee.

Whether St. Clair will be permitted to cross-examine (ask leading questions) of witnesses has apparently not been decided by the committee.



TELLING THEIR CONGRESSMAN. The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation sent a large delegation to Washington recently to let Virginia's two senators and ten members of the House know what they wanted in the way of legislation. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, middle of seated row, got the delegates from his Sixth District

together for this picture. The Bedford County Farm Bureau was represented by its president, Lloyd Grant, fourth from left in standing row, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chaffin. He is standing at the end behind his wife. (Butler photo)

Butler Controls Survey

Although a majority does not believe wage and price controls have helped combat inflation and is nearly split on whether Congress should give the President the power to continue the controls, 77 percent of those responding to U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's questionnaire believe that the health industry should be subject to continued price controls.

The responses came to the following set of questions:

Unless extended by Congress, the Economic Stabilization Act which authorizes the President of the U.S. to impose wage and price controls will expire on April 30, 1974. Substantially all wage and price controls which have been in effect will expire at that time.

In your opinion, have wage and price controls been helpful in fighting inflation?
5,920 (28.3 percent) Yes;
13,085 (62.5 percent) No;
1,911 (9.3 percent) No Opinion.

Most controls will have been removed prior to their expiration date on April 30, 1974. Should Congress extend the power of the President to impose wage and price controls beyond that date?
8,409 (40.2 percent) Yes;
10,001 (46.8 percent) No;
2,506 (12.0 percent) No Opinion.

The President has announced that he will not ask that his power to impose wage and price controls be extended except in two cases: Petroleum and Health. Do you believe that price controls on the cost of medical and hospital care should be retained?

15,423 (77.3 percent) Yes;
3,955 (18.9 percent) No; 1,537 (7.3 percent) No Opinion.

Rep. Butler said that the results "indicate that the health care industry should give careful consideration to any thought of price increases at this time. It is apparent that the public feels the costs of health care and related service has reached a limit. Congress would find it difficult to resist a public aroused by substantial health care cost increases, particularly in view of the President's stated proposal to continue controls in this area."

Butler also released citizen comment on the topic: "since the start of controls in 1971, we have experienced literally nothing but shortages and unhalted inflation. Controls are inconsistent with principles of free society, they reduce productive efficiency of the economy and not only create shortages but are elements of causing inflation." - (Staunton)-

"Perhaps Congress should work to tend federal deficit spending as a long-range method of fighting inflation."

"It may eventually be necessary to apply controls effectively to all phases of the economy to halt the rampant inflation which now rots our national economic structure. When that day comes I pray it can and will be more effective." - (Roanoke)-

On Wage Controls..."I can't see it. Food, clothing and every living expense is beyond the working man's wages." - (Hot Springs)-

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Butler seeks re-election; Democrat wants party bid

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Congressman M. Caldwell Butler last week announced that he will again run for the Sixth District seat in the U. S. House of Representatives. He first won election to the post 18 months ago.

The incumbent sent word that he would seek the GOP nomination via a printed release after his scheduled personal appearance at a Friday news conference was cancelled due to additional meetings of the House Judiciary Committee. Butler is a member of that committee.

"I am proud of the opportunity given me to represent the people of the Sixth Congressional District..." Butler stated. "It is a rewarding, exciting, challenging and interesting job, and I would like to continue in it for a while longer. I hope my record will indicate that I have been true to the commitments made during my campaign for election in 1972. I would be less than candid if I did not concede that the office and the problems confronting us are somewhat different from what I had anticipated."

Butler added that he was "pleased, but not fully satisfied" with his record in Congress so far, and said he hoped his experience would help to improve his performance.

"My responsibilities as a member of the Judiciary Committee are well known and will be time consuming during the next few months," Butler said. "I refer not only to the impeachment inquiry but also to the backlog of legislation which is accumulating before the committee and its subcommittees. I anticipate an active summer and fall in Washington and hope that my friends in the district will understand why my appearances there will be limited during that period."

On Wednesday, another Democrat entered the race for that party's Sixth District congressional nomination - James A. Hooven, a 33-year old history teacher who coordinated the district campaign for Henry Howell in his unsuccessful bid for governor.

"Watergate is one of the most important issues of this campaign, but it is an issue that could easily be abused," Hooven said. "There are certainly other important issues (including inflation, the inequities of the tax system, the burdensome welfare system, the alarming continual increase in crime and...the energy crisis."

Hooven, an assistant professor of history at Virginia Western Community College and a teacher at the University of Virginia Extension, has worked in the campaigns of several local and national Democratic candidates. He was president of the Roanoke County Young Democrats in 1969, in addition to being the

area coordinator for Howell in 1973.

He lives on Runnymede Lane, SW, with his wife and four children.

Hooven noted the rise in consumer prices and said the welfare rolls continue to climb.

"From 1962 through 1972, the welfare rolls increased from 7 million to 16 million even though expenditures to eradicate welfare have increased tremendously," he said. "The welfare system also is so structured that a state like Virginia, which is ranked 23 in per capita income, subsidizes New York, which is number one."

Hooven faces challenges for the Democratic bid from Tom Nolan, a social worker, and Roanoke Sheriff Paul Puckett.

Butler Warns Clerks To Watch Washington

NORFOLK — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has warned the International Institute of Municipal Clerks to "keep your eyes on Washington" during this legislative session.

Butler, in a speech Saturday, told the clerks to "simplify, clarify and improve your registration procedures; control campaign spending and shorten your campaigns."

Failure to do so, he said, will bring about federal legislation that will add another layer of bureaucracy for municipal clerks to wade through.

The clerks applauded loudly

when Butler told them the House last week voted down postcard registration, 204 to 197. Butler said the vote meant the majority of congressmen felt the bill was "so bad that the House should not even take time to consider it."

It would have established an agency to handle voter registration by postcard. An individual would fill out a card prepared by the agency, mail it back to the registrar and receive a card back indicating he had registered.

The clerks' organization opposed the bill on the basis

that it would create a duplication of effort. Registrars would need separate books for federal and state elections.

Butler said the system would invite fraud and would not improve the percentage of people voting simply because they were registered.

The 6th District congressman also said he is philosophically opposed to public financing of elections because "I feel that contributions are the ultimate expression of one's interest in the political process."

House Panel Seeks More Nixon Tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed 49 more presidential conversations Monday despite notice from the White House that there was very little chance the panel would get any of them.

The committee's latest demands for evidence for its impeachment inquiry were contained in four subpoenas seeking material related to the ITT antitrust settlement, campaign contributions from dairy cooperatives, domestic surveillance activities and attempts to use the Internal Revenue Service to harass political opponents.

The committee has directed eight subpoenas to President Nixon, who has complied with none.

Asked why the committee was continuing to issue subpoenas when there was so little chance they would be obeyed, committee chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., said, "I don't know of any other way the committee can make a proper inquiry. If the President refuses to comply with a proper request fully authorized by the House, the American people should know it."

On identical votes of 34 to 4, the committee approved subpoenas demanding 19 ITT conversations and 18 related to an administration decision to raise milk price supports.

Voting against the subpoenas were four Republicans: Reps. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, Charles E. Wiggins of California, Trent Lott of Mississippi and Delbert Latta of Ohio.

The other two subpoenas were approved on voice votes with no opposition heard.

Ten conversations related to domestic surveillance, including the activities of the White House plumbers, and two related to the IRS were demanded.

The subpoenas also demand various memoranda and White House logs of presidential conversations as well as the news summaries prepared for the President during certain periods.

All four subpoenas demand a response by 10 a.m., EDT, July 2.

Meanwhile, President Nixon was rebuffed in his attempt to obtain the evidence leading the Watergate grand jury to name him as an unindicted co-conspirator.

The Supreme Court deferred action Monday on the request, saying it would consider the question, along with other Watergate-related matters, at a hearing it has scheduled for July 8.



AP Photo

Jenner and Doar Confer With Rodino and McCloory

In other Watergate-related matters:

—A private investigator said Charles W. Colson, a former special counsel to the President, told him Nixon is convinced the Central Intelligence Agency helped carry out the Daniel Ellsberg psychiatrist burglary and knew in advance of the Watergate break-in.

Richard L. Bast said Colson saw "a total conspiracy by not only the CIA but the Pentagon as well to take over the President by being able to exercise undue influence."

—Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott accused members of the Senate Watergate committee staff of preparing investigative reports unlikely to be used and then leaking them to the press.

John Doar, chief counsel for the impeachment inquiry, told the committee that much of the material requested in the domestic surveillance area stemmed from Colson's statement last Friday that "the President on numerous occasions

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dent has on the conversations in question.

Butler agreed to keep the word "transcript" in the subpoena, adding, "Now we are saying we want all the tapes and the transcripts. I think that ought to make it perfectly clear."

The 11 conversations covered by the new subpoena deal with plans for bugging Democratic headquarters, conversations a few days after the Watergate break-in and efforts to get the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to limit the investigation of the break-in.

Tapes subpoenaed include conversations that took place April 4, 1972, between the President and former White House aide H. R. Haldeman and former Attorney General John Mitchell.

The committee is also trying to find out what, if anything, the President knew of campaign intelligence-gathering activities before the break-in at the Watergate Hotel on June 17, 1972.

Also subpoenaed were nine conversations between the President and a number of his aides on June 20 and 23, 1972.

In other Watergate developments Wednesday:

—In an afternoon session, the Senate Watergate Committee gave the President's chief of staff, Alexander M. Haig Jr., a second chance to answer questions about his knowledge of a \$100,000 contribution given to Nixon's friend, C. G. "Bebe" Rebozo by billionaire Howard Hughes. Haig refused to testify on the matter May 2, saying the President had

ordered him to invoke executive privilege.

—Earlier, the Senate committee voted unanimously to ask the full Senate to extend its life to June 30, partly to give its staff time to remove from the panel's final report any references to individual guilt or innocence in the scandal. Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., acknowledged that step was taken to lessen chances the report might influence the impeachment inquiry in the House.

Doar said as he proceeds through the House panel's Watergate evidence he will request additional subpoenas for tapes the White House is withholding. The committee requested 76 Watergate conversations last April 19, of which the 11 are part.

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The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee, of which Butler is a member.

The bill stated that at the time of Lee's death in 1870, he had fulfilled the basic requirement for restoration of citizenship — the oath of allegiance to the Constitution.

Butler said history shows Lee applied for "amnesty and pardon and restoration of his rights as a citizen on June 13, 1865."

The request was endorsed by Gen. U. S. Grant, but was never granted because it was not accompanied by the oath of allegiance.

Butler said a recent discovery has revealed that Lee did swear allegiance to the Constitution on Oct. 2, 1865, and thus fulfilled all of the legal and moral requirements of citizenship.

The oath was found among State Department records in the National Archive in 1970, Butler said.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., I-DVa., has introduced similar legislation in the Senate, with cosponsors Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., and William Scott, R-Va.

Butler's bill was co-sponsored by Rep. David Satterfield, D-Va., Republican Reps. Stanford Parris, Joel T. Broyhill, William Wampler and Robert Daniel of Virginia.

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His representative will return to Buena Vista on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

Butler's Aide Plans Visit

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in the Bedford City Hall Tuesday from 8:45-10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The meeting in Bedford is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district. Representatives will return to Bedford on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

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Butler Characterizes Closed Panel Sessions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential council James D. St. Clair is an "attentive listener" who spends much of his time during the House Judiciary Committee's closed impeachment proceedings busily taking notes, a Virginia congressman on the panel said Friday.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said, "It just so happens that Mr. St. Clair sits directly in front of me during our deli-

berations and I have been able to observe him carefully."

Butler reflected at length on the committee sessions in a message he taped for Virginia radio stations.

The congressman, the only Virginia member on the panel, described the closed-door sessions as "interesting but distasteful."

"Coats are coming off now, coffee is available in the staff

offices at either end of the committee room, but the atmosphere is one of concentration and attention," he said. "Although it is a tiring process, very few heads nod."

St. Clair, whom the committee invited to attend the closed sessions but not to participate, received this evaluation by Butler: "He is a particularly attentive listener, prodigious note taker and a very efficient operator."

"For example," Butler continued, "When we were given a preliminary briefing of background information on the chain of command within the White House staff, Mr. St. Clair, being familiar with that, proceeded to read the other evidence in the volumes before him, taking extensive notes. But I noticed that any interruptions or questionings caught his immediate and full attention."

In a somewhat rambling fashion, Butler explained the way in which evidence is being presented by the committee and its furnishings, praised the quality of electronic gear used to listen to Watergate tapes, and gave an almost hour-by-hour account of the committee's routine.

But he stayed away from mentioning the contents of the report the committee is receiving, noting that he

planned to abide by the panel's decision to keep the proceedings at this stage of the inquiry confidential.

"There are CIA reports and many other confidential items," Butler said. "Of course, if the committee recommends that the President be impeached the relevant evidence would certainly become part of the public record."



Rep. M. Caldwell Butler

Abortion poll results released

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler today released the results of his district-wide questionnaire on the topic of abortion and the response indicated a vast difference of opinion on the issue.

Residents responded to the following question accordingly:

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He also pointed out that he had been unsuccessful in earlier efforts to get the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights, of which he is a member, to consider legislation in this area.

Rep. Butler also released comments from several residents which further indicated the strength of different opinions of abortion:

"Let each region solve its own problems and set its own morals." (Roanoke)

"I believe that human life beings at conception and should be protected as all human life should be. I have found no valid, biological or moral reason to permit abortion for any reason other than to save the life of the mother. While I empathize with women who have unwanted pregnancies; I can not approve the taking of life of a child before or after birth. I think there were questionable Constitutional grounds for the Supreme Court decision, but that it necessitates changing the Constitution." (Lynchburg)

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"It is foolish to clutter up the Constitution with such frivolous matters. This is a matter between a woman and her doctor. These emotional crusades generate more heat than light on the topic."

Butler Releases Results B

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On Poll On Abortion Issue

A slim plurality of Sixth District residents favor a constitutional "right to life" amendment over two other alternatives facing Congress on the abortion issue, according to the results of a survey released Tuesday by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

The response, to Butler's district-wide questionnaire on abortion indicated a vast difference of opinion on the issue.

There has been a great deal of controversy, Butler said, over the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that then existing state laws restricting abortion were unconstitutional.

The ruling allows states to impose restrictions on the medical conditions under which abortions may be performed during the last six months of pregnancy, and Congress now is faced with three alternatives, Butler said.

In response to the questionnaire, 7,036 persons, or 33.6 per cent of the respondents, favored an alternative by which Congress would approve a constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion except in rare circumstances. (This is often called the "right to life" amendment.)

The next largest group, 6,666 persons, or 31.8 per cent, favored no congressional action. This would, in effect, leave the Supreme Court decision unchanged.

At the same time, 4,866 persons, or 23.2 per cent, favored a third alternative by which Congress would approve a constitutional amendment placing all abortion regulation under state jurisdiction, as was the case prior to the decision.

Survey respondents with no opinion on the issue numbered 2,348, or 11.2 per cent.

Butler said that at this time, it is impossible to predict when the abortion matter will be resolved.

The time-consuming impeachment inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member, has caused a backlog of the other legislation referred to it, including several proposed constitutional amendments dealing with abortion, Butler continued.

He also said he has been unsuccessful in earlier efforts to get the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights, of which he is a member, to consider legislation on the matter.

In addition to the survey results, Butler released comments from several district residents which further indicated strong differences on abortion.

A Lynchburg resident wrote, "I empathize with women who have unwanted pregnancies; I cannot approve the taking of life of a child before or after birth. I think there were questionable constitutional grounds for the Supreme Court decision, but that it necessitates changing the Constitution."

But one Roanoke resident wrote, "Let each region solve its own problems and set its own morals."

Then a Vinton resident wrote, "Abortion should be allowed under a woman's right to decide for herself. . . ."

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Contracts Awarded

For Two Post Offices

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler Wednesday announced the awarding of contracts for the construction of two post office buildings in the Lynchburg area.

The first contract, for construction of a Fort Hill Station of the Lynchburg Post Office, was awarded to S. R. Gay and Co. of 1904 Hollins Mill Road.

The low bid was \$427,450 for the single-story building which will have 7,000 square feet. It will be located on the south side of Douglas Street at the intersection of Edgewood Road.

Completion date is set for Jan. 15, 1975.

The second contract, for a post office in Bedford, was awarded to Thor and Co. of Roanoke with a low bid of \$477,800. The building will be located on the south side of East Main St. at Orange.

Completion date is Feb. 7, 1975.

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**Butler vote
on warning
affirmative**

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke today voted with a 28 to 10 Judiciary Committee majority putting the President on notice that his failure to supply subpoenaed evidence might lead the committee to conclude that the President has something to hide.

Butler, who less than a month ago voted against another letter telling the President he had failed to comply with another subpoena, said he had hoped the matter wouldn't come up today because "I was pretty much on the fence."

"My original notion was not to vote for this letter," Butler said, "but I thought this was a pretty fair warning to the President."

Butler said he decided to vote for the letter after Judiciary Committee Counsel John Doar told the committee that the impact of the letter would be to inform the President of the committee's possible inferences.

The letter, offered by Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., told the President, "Committee members will be free to consider whether your refusals warrant the drawing of adverse inferences concerning the substance of the materials, and whether your refusals in and of themselves might constitute a ground for impeachment."

The committee was to meet later today to consider other matters, including a motion to open up the impeachment inquiry hearings to the public for presentation of evidence on the ITT and milk matters.